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1. The Iron and Steel Works lie about 200 meters south of Ozd railway station. Ozd is approximately 40 km. west-northwest of Miskolc.
2. Labor. The factory is directed by a staff of Soviet engineers, of whom the chief is Vladimir Solnyiki. In August 1951 about 12,000 workers were employed in the factory. These are divided into three 8-hour shifts. Approximately one third of the workers are peasants from the surrounding country who were forced to enter the factory.
3. Details of the works. The factory is subdivided as follows:
 - Steel foundry
 - Fine rolling mills
 - Rail mills
 - Bridge shop
 - Iron foundry
 - Tank shop (military)
 - Fire brick works (Shamott brick)
 - "Cinder brick" works
 - Laboratory
4. Raw Materials. Iron ore comes by train from Donets, USSR, and Poland through Czechoslovakia. Two or three trains of 45 to 50 cars of 15-ton capacity arrive weekly.
5. Production. There are 10* Martin furnaces which operate on a reduced time method; the melting period now takes 4 instead of 8 hours. In consequence the production is now 20% greater than the capacity attained in 1944, but the quality of steel is bad. Three of the ten furnaces are generally out of action for cleaning or repair. Monthly output of steel is 5,000-6,000, with a wastage of about 15% (July 1951 wastage was greater).

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6. Output in July 1951. The following details are known of the July output:

- a. Steel: 4,600 tons and wastage. (During this month 4 furnaces were out of action.)
- b. Bridge sections: Nine were completed; of these, six were 10-meter spans and the other three were longer spans.
- c. For the Dunapentele works (under construction):
 - 1) 160 cars of iron beams and iron frames for reinforced concrete structures.
 - 2) Rails (quantity unknown) for narrow-gauge industrial railway.
- d. Miscellaneous: All other productions, including bridge sections, rails, locomotive parts, and automobile parts, were sent to the USSR in unknown quantities as reparations.

7. Next to the bridge-building shop there is a large assembly hall where Soviet-type tanks are repaired or modified. At the moment the only work taking place here is the reinforcement of armor. It is alleged that only Russian workers are employed here and no Hungarians at all are allowed in this shop. The tanks arrive here by train. It is believed that the tanks are mainly T-34s.

8. Security. The Ozd Works is rated as a war industry plant, and the workers are issued identity cards, bearing photographs, for their particular section of the works. All workers are submitted to a rapid body search on leaving the factory. The guard consists of 40 members of the Partisan League, who wear black suits as uniforms. The leader of this guard is a trusted Communist called Antal Dudas. Some 23 workers from the factory form the fire brigade. The factory area is surrounded by a stone wall without barbed wire on it.

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* Comment: there are 12 furnaces.

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